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July Red Meat Production

Montana slaughter plants produced 1.4 million pounds, dressed weight, of red meat during July 2011, unchanged from July 2010. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,600 head, unchanged from a year ago. The average live weight decreased 30 pounds to 1,210 pounds.

There were 1,300 hogs slaughtered in Montana during July, down 100 head from a year ago. The average live weight, at 240 pounds, decreased 5 pounds from a year ago. July sheep slaughter totaled 300 head, unchanged from July 2010. The average live weight decreased 2 pounds to 104 pounds.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.79 billion pounds in July, down 4 percent from the 3.96 billion pounds produced in July 2010.

Beef production, at 2.14 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.77 million head, down 5 percent from July 2010. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,272 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.1 million pounds, 8 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 73,400 head, down 2 percent from July 2010. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from last year, at 244 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.64 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.16 million head, down 4 percent from July 2010. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 268 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.9 million pounds, was down 15 percent from July 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 164,900 head, 16 percent below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, up 3 pounds from July a year ago.

January to July 2011 commercial red meat production was 28.0 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 9 percent.

July 2011 Ag Prices Received

Montana's July full month crop prices were mixed when compared with June 2011, according to USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office. Montana's winter wheat price was \$6.87 per bushel, down \$0.29 from June, and spring wheat was down \$0.33 to \$8.43 per bushel, but durum wheat increased \$0.89 to \$9.95 per bushel. Feed barley was down \$0.14 from the previous month to \$4.48 per bushel, but malt barley increased \$0.27 to \$4.80 per bushel.

The mid-August price for alfalfa hay in Montana was down \$3.00 from July 2011 to \$94.00 per ton, and all other hay was down \$2.00 to \$92.00 per ton. The mid-August grain prices were mixed with winter wheat at \$7.27 per bushel, spring wheat was \$8.40 per bushel, durum wheat was \$9.60 per bushel, feed barley was \$4.77 per bushel, and malt barley was \$5.25 per bushel.

The all milk price was \$21.40 per cwt in mid-August 2011, compared with \$21.00 per cwt in July and \$16.70 per cwt for July 2010.

Nationally, prices for July and changes from June were as follows: winter wheat was \$6.77 per bushel, down \$0.36, spring wheat was \$8.41 per bushel, down \$0.85, durum wheat was \$10.20 per bushel, up \$1.02, feed barley was \$5.04 per bushel, up \$0.30, malt barley was \$5.08 per bushel, up \$0.48, oats were \$3.35 per bushel, down \$0.08, steers and heifers were \$115.00 per cwt, up \$5.00, cows were \$73.60 per cwt, down \$2.30, calves were \$138.00 per cwt, up \$5.00 from June, sheep were \$56.50 per cwt, up \$5.70, lambs were \$194.00 per cwt, up \$5.00, and the all milk price was \$21.90 per cwt, up \$0.70 from June.

The U.S. mid-August winter wheat price was \$7.26 per bushel, spring wheat was \$8.02 per bushel, durum wheat was \$11.00 per bushel, malt barley was \$5.24 per bushel, feed barley was \$5.15 per bushel, oats were \$3.33 per bushel, alfalfa hay was \$191.00 per ton, and other hay was \$127.00 per ton. Steer and heifer prices were \$113.00 per cwt, cows were \$71.10 per cwt, calves were \$134.00 per cwt, and all milk was \$22.00 per cwt.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 182 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 2 points (1.1 percent) from July. The Crop Index is up 2 points (1.0 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (1.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for wheat, corn, and eggs and lower prices for lettuce, potatoes, and soybeans. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of cattle, sweet corn, and barley offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, corn, and strawberries.

Montana Average Farm Prices Received

Commodity	UNIT	Monthly Average				Change from Previous		Mid-Month Avg	
		Montana			U.S.	Month	Year	Montana	U.S.
		July 2010	June 2011	July 2011	July 2011	June 2011	July 2010	15-Aug-11	15-Aug-11
		Dollars							
Winter Wheat	Bu	4.39	7.16	6.87	6.77	-0.29	+2.48	7.27	7.26
Durum Wheat	Bu	4.21	9.06	9.95	10.20	+0.89	+5.74	9.60	11.00
Spring Wheat	Bu	5.42	8.76	8.43	8.41	-0.33	+3.01	8.40	8.02
All Wheat	Bu	4.71	8.20	8.12	7.10	-0.08	+3.41	8.19	7.56
All Barley	Bu	3.91	4.55	4.72	5.07	+0.17	+0.81	5.13	5.21
Feed Barley	Bu	2.29	4.62	4.48	5.04	-0.14	+2.19	4.77	5.15
Malt Barley	Bu	4.05	4.53	4.80	5.08	+0.27	+0.75	5.25	5.24
Oats	Bu	na	3.04	na	3.35	0.0	0.0	na	3.33
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	80.00	94.00	97.00	189.00	+3.00	+17.00	94.00	191.00
All Other Hay	Ton	100.00	85.00	94.00	119.00	+9.00	-6.00	92.00	127.00
All Hay Baled	Ton	83.00	93.00	97.00	170.00	+4.00	+14.00	94.00	172.00
All Milk	Cwt	16.70	20.30	21.00	21.90	+0.70	+4.30	21.40	22.00

1/ Composite of steers, heifers, and cows. na-not available.

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